

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A shock absorbing spring clip assembly for absorbing a sudden force applied to a flexible lead, said shock absorbing spring clip assembly comprising:

a housing;

a spring clip member having a passageway, said spring clip member normally biased to a closed position but selectively movable to an open position for attachment of the spring clip member to a collar or other restraining mechanism.

a first swivel member, extending from said spring clip member, a portion of which extends into said housing and is relatively rotatable with respect thereto;

a sleeve member adapted to be secured to the flexible lead, said sleeve member extending partially into said housing and laterally movable and relatively rotatable with respect thereto, the sleeve member and housing constituting a second swivel; and

a resilient biasing member positioned between said sleeve member and said housing and adapted to urge said sleeve member into said housing and adapted, when force is exerted to compress said biasing member, to absorb shock transmitted from said spring clip member to the flexible lead;

wherein said spring clip member remains in a closed position and said sleeve member is drawn outwardly from said housing when a sudden load is placed upon the flexible lead.

25. (Original) The shock absorbing spring clip of 24, further including a slide pin associated with said spring clip, said slide pin adapted to close an entranceway in said spring clip.

26. (Original) The shock absorbing spring clip of 24, wherein said housing includes an aperture adjusted to allow said sleeve member to pass there through.

27. (Original) The shock absorbing spring clip of 24, wherein said housing is in the form of a cage having a first end and a spaced apart second end.

28. (Original) The shock absorbing spring clip of 27, wherein said cage includes a plurality of ribs interconnecting said first end to said second end.

29. (Original) The shock absorbing spring clip of claim 24, wherein said sleeve member includes a flange adapted to retain said resilient biasing member.